

U.S. Department of State Privacy Impact Assessment Summary

TITLE: Global Verification Module (GVM)

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- I. Describe the information to be collected (e.g., nature and source). Be sure to include any information in an identifiable form, e.g., name, address, social security number or other identifying number or code, telephone number, email address, etc).**

Name, date of birth, country or place of birth, nationality or country of citizenship, gender, aliases, alien registration number (aliens only), national ID (aliens only), and physical description.

- II. Why is the information being collected (e.g., to determine eligibility)?**

GVM provides additional verification of documents provided by visa applicants by validating the information on the visa and possibly flagging suspicious applicants.

- III. How will the information be used (e.g., to verify existing data)?**

GVM uses a series of rules to verify whether or not document information in a visa application appears to be correct and consistent.

- IV. Will you share the information with others (e.g., another agency for a programmatic purpose)? If yes, list the entities.**

GVM results are **not** shared with external agencies.

- V. Describe what opportunities individuals have been given to decline to provide information or to consent to particular use of the information (e.g., whether individual may withhold permission for a particular use).**

The information has already been submitted by the visa applicant on his or her visa application. Therefore, they have no opportunity to decline to provide it to GVM.

- VI. How will the information be secured (e.g., administrative and technological controls)?**

The GVM is protected by technical, management and operational controls which are documented in the System Security Plan.

VII. How will the data be retrieved (e.g., will it be retrieved by a personal identifier such as name, social security number, address, telephone number or some other identifier that is unique to an individual)?

Data is not retrieved based on any personal identifier. It is retrieved by a unique identifier assigned to the document by the source system.